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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/616,710	Applicant(s) HOMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner DAVID M. SCHINDLER	Art Unit 2862	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-10,13,15-23,25-38 and 40-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-10,13,15-17,34-36,38 and 40-43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-23,25-33 and 37 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 December 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the communication filed 12/19/2007. The 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections of claims 34-38 and 40-43 are withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment. However, it is noted that the reason for the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of claim 37 is repeated in the claim objection of claim 37 below.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 37 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

It is noted to applicant that the phrase "determining a correction for the induced signal, wherein determining the correction for the induced signal includes using a signal induced at the second antenna with the test loop open" on the last three lines includes the features of claim 37.

Specifically, it appears that if the test loop is open, then it will not affect the signal induced at the second antenna.

Therefore, it appears that claim 37 fails to further limit claim 34.

3. Claims 18-23 and 25-33 are objected to because of the following informalities:

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4. As to Claim 18,

5. The phrase "said one antenna" on the last line lacks clear antecedent basis.

6. As to Claims 19-23 and 25-33,

7. These claims stand objected to for being dependent on an objected claim.

8. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 1,2,5-10,13,15-17,24-36, 38, and 40-43 are allowed.

10. Claims 18-23, 25-33, and 37 are allowed upon overcoming the above noted claim objections.

11. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

12. As to Claim 1,

13. The primary reason for the allowance of claim 1 is the inclusion of deriving a gain or phase factor by comparing the corrected signal with the calculated signal. It is these features found in the claim, as they are claimed in the combination that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes this claim allowable over the prior art.

14. As to Claim 18,

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15. The primary reason for the allowance of claim 18 is the inclusion of wherein the processor is further configured to calculate the correction using a second measured signal induced at the one antenna without any effect associated with the test loop. It is these features found in the claim, as they are claimed in the combination that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes this claim allowable over the prior art.

16. As to Claim 34,

17. The primary reason for the allowance of claim 34 is the inclusion of determining the correction of the induced signal includes using a signal induced at the second antenna with the test loop open. It is these features found in the claim, as they are claimed in the combination that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes this claim allowable over the prior art.

18. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

19. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

20. See the above claim objections.

21. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

22. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

23. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID M. SCHINDLER whose telephone number is (571)272-2112. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00AM-5:00PM).

24. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Assouad can be reached on (571) 272-2210. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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